

The Commonwealth.

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NORTH CAROLINA PINE.

We reproduce the following letter because it was written from this region of the State in which many of our readers are interested. We do not agree with the writer in all his statements, but our readers can take it as they please.

"Editor Manufacturers' Record:

"Before the war this field blossomed like a rose. To-day it is a vast forest of pine timber, interspersed with small cotton patches. Those who held it lost their slaves, and in the main, left the country, and their former laborers gradually scattered over the country, leaving but a comparatively few here to till the soil. The result was that pine took the place of cotton, and the former large plantations are today forests of second-growth pine, tall, straight and thick—so thick that frequently it will cut 10,000 to 12,000 or 15,000 feet of lumber to the acre. The soil is fine, and, properly tilled, yields a bale of cotton to the acre, while no finer tobacco is produced on earth than grows on those lands, underlain with dense clays and appropites which admit of heavy and successful fertilization.

"The neglected condition of the country renders lands cheap, while the standing timber is to be bought at from \$1 to \$1.25 per acre stumpage, estimated by timber experts, hired for that purpose, and who, in the nature of things, do not overestimate. Ransom's Bridge, where I now am, is near the corner of Nash, Franklin, Halifax and Warren counties, North Carolina. It is twenty miles to Louisville, twenty-three miles from Littleton, both upon the road of the Seaboard Air Line, while Nashville, upon the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, is distant eighteen miles.

Were there a railroad here the pine timber upon the lands would bring the prices up from the present of from \$5 to \$10 per acre to \$20 or \$40 for the timber alone, while the land would proportionately increase in value. Railway surveys have been made through the section, while for the past two or three years lumber concerns have been buying an occasional tract of timber, and they propose to run tramways in from the main line to remove what they have bought, but as their deeds usually allow from ten to fifteen years for the removal of the larger timber only, a wonderful opportunity is open for a broad-gauge road to tap and redeem this fertile field.

"Were the lands held in large boundaries and the facts of the amount and timber known, promoters would invade the field and make known existing opportunities. But as the holdings range from 50 to 2,000 or 3,000 acres and lie remote from a railroad, the two companies above referred to are practically the only buyers of pine timber. In addition to the second-growth pine, considerable original growth timber is encountered, but it is, as is the other, neglected. Tar river, Great Fishing creek and other streams traverse the section and furnish ample and cheap transportation of the timber to the coast.

"The growth of the young pine is wonderful, as within the period named some of it has reached a diameter of thirty to forty inches, and it is rapidly increasing in size. The natural increasing demand for lumber and its rapid growth assure the purchaser large profits in holding, while active operators will scarcely find a field to equal it. HENRY V. MAXWELL, "Ransom's Bridge, N. C."

WINTERVILLE WHIFFS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

WINTERVILLE, N. C., Dec. 1, 1903
Miss Lucy Brooks, of Kingston, is spending the week with the Misses Dawson.

Matthew Hart, 77 years of age, was a veteran in the Civil war. He engaged in 17 battles and on each occasion tied a red string around his arm. Being last captured his captors noticed the strings and asked the meaning. When informed of his gallantry they complimented him and told him they should treat him well, and they did. The old gentleman relates this incident with pride. A gallant old hero!

A. G. COX MFG CO. have just received a lot of light barb wire which they sell cheaper than ever before. One hundred pounds of this wire will strand much further than ordinary barb wire, and is amply strong.

Miss Addie Johnson, of Greenville, and Miss House, of House station, were visitors here during the week.

As the train was leaving here one day last week a new ten dollar bill fluttered from one of the windows. E. F. Tucker promptly secured same. Up to this writing no one has called for it.

The A. G. Cox Mfg Co. have just been preparing a nice lot of ash timber, which they are shipping out dressed in suitable lengths and sizes for buggy body frames. This is nice

and cheap for buggy shops that have no special machinery, and at the same time our people are saving something by using their machinery to prepare it.

Emmett Smith arrived Thursday with his bride, Miss Viola Askin, from Vanceboro. They will make their home here as Mr. Smith is employed by A. G. Cox Mfg Co.

It is nothing unusual to hear a man remark that A. G. COX MFG CO.'S prices on wire fence are away down below any others he has been able to get, and when you do strike one who has bought some elsewhere at a higher price, he feels like kicking himself because he was not better posted. The truth of the matter is they have been using every effort to let all know far and near of the excellent bargains they are offering. The way the fence is laying is sufficient proof of their success.

Rev. Mr. King, principal of the Ayden graded school, preached a most excellent sermon here Thanksgiving day.

One case before our mayor the past week. The first in twelve months. How is this in a town of 400 population?

A. G. Cox Mfg Co. has never had occasion to make special runs on Hunsucker Buggies. They run themselves in fact it seems impossible to make them fast enough to supply the demand.

Those Buggy Robes at Hunsucker's are something to think about. They are still better to look at, and best of all is the comfortable feeling to be enjoyed by using them. The price is not the worst part either.

TEACHERS' INTERSTATE EXAMINATION COURSE.

Teachers wishing to prepare for examinations should write, at once, to Prof. J. L. Graham, L. L. D., 152-154 Randolph Building, Memphis, Tenn., for particulars concerning his special Teachers' Examination Course.

This course is taught by mail, and prepares teachers for examination in every State in the Union. Leading educators pronounce it the best course ever offered to the teaching profession, and all teachers wishing to advance in their profession should immediately avail themselves of it. Enclose stamp for reply.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists. 75c. Hall's family pills are the best.

DOES IT PAY TO BUY CHEAP?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle recommended many years by all druggists in the world. You can get a reliable remedy at E. T. Whitehead & Co's. Price 25c and 75c.



HAVE YOUR MEASURE TAKEN

for your new Fall garments. It is the only proper and satisfactory way of buying your clothes, being that "GOOD CLOTHES ARE ALWAYS MADE TO ORDER." Make your selection from the tailoring line of

STRAUSS BROS.

Chicago, Est. 1877
Good tailors for over a quarter century

You'll find a world of pleasure in wearing the clothes made by Strauss Bros., faultless in style, fit, finish and materials. They're so much better than the ordinary run of clothes, yet prices are astonishingly low, and your perfectly safe in ordering, because if garments are not satisfactory, you needn't take them. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO SHOW YOU OUR GREAT LINE OF SAMPLES—CALL ON

J. D. RAY & CO.,

Scotland Neck, N. C.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Minuta what you eat

Dizzy?
Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? Tongue coated? Head ache? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills, all vegetable.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE

J. W. PERRY Co.

COTTON FACTORS,

Norfolk, Virginia.

QUOTATIONS Dec. 1, 1903.
COTTON—Steady.
Strict Middling.....11 1/2
Middling.....11 1/4
Strict Low Middling.....11 1/4
Low Middling.....11
Tines.....11
Stains.....11
Blues.....11

PEANUTS—Firm.
Fancy.....3 3/4 to 3 1/2
Strictly Prime.....3 1/4 to 3 1/2
Prime.....2 1/2 to 2 3/4
Low Grades.....2 1/4 to 2 1/2
Machine Picked.....2 1/2 to 3
Spanish.....82 to 83 1/2 bushel.
B. E. PEAS.....\$2.40 1/2 Bag.
Black and Speckle Peas .80
Clay and Red Peas .70
Peanut Bags, in bales—68 in 7 1/2
Bagging, Ties and Peanut Bags for sale.

Machines & Needles.



Singer Sewing Machines sold for cash or installment; old machines taken in exchange. Needles, Oils, parts and attachments for all makes of machines. Orders left at Mess. E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s will be promptly filled. Mail orders solicited and filled promptly. Office in Kitchen building opposite M. Hoffman & Bros' store. Box No. 205.

SCOTLAND NECK SINGER STORE

R. E. ALLGOOD, Mgr.

TEACHERS WANTED We need at once a few more Teachers for Fall Schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with Teachers free of cost. Enclose stamp for reply.
AMERICAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION,
J. L. Graham, LL. D., Mgr.,
152-154 Randolph Building, Memphis, Tenn.

TAYLOR,

—THE—

PIONEER GROCER

Having been the first one

to open a FIRST CLASS

Grocery Store in Scotland

Neck, and having for eight

years studied the wants of

the trade, we feel that we

should be in a position to

know better than any one

with less experience, just the

kind of goods the people

want. GIVE US A CALL.

Satisfaction GUARANTEED

Headquarters FOR FIRST CLASS

GROCERIES.

O. K. TAYLOR.

Scotland Neck, N. C.

WE KEEP ON HAND

BURIAL CASKETS

OF ALL KINDS ALL THE TIME

With Complete Undertakers' Outfit.

NEAR SERVICE AT ANY HOUR.

Day or night we are ready to accommodate our friends and the Public Generally.

M. Hoffman & Bro.,

Scotland Neck, North Carolina

Our Christmas Tree

Is yielding its fruits for the thousands of holiday shoppers who daily travel to this store to pluck from its branches.

An Xmas Carnival of Bargains

in store for those buying gifts here

For Father:

A shot gun, rifle, carver, razor, tool box, wagon, saddle, pocket knife.

For Mother:

A Buck's stove, new cooking utensils, cutlery, washing machine, crockery, etc.

Inspect our big lines.

Gift Goods Galore

for brother and sister at prices to please.

For Brother:

A razor, pocket knife, shot gun, saw, bicycle and tool chest.

For Sister:

A lamp, scissors, pen knife, tray, etc.



SANTA CLAUS

has not forgotten the youngsters. Bring them here to see what we have for them.

FUTRELL-HARDY

HARDWARE COMPANY.

"The Hardware Hustlers,"

Scotland Neck,

North Carolina.

CLEARANCE SALE

FOR 30 DAYS.

Our stock is too large and we have decided to make prices that will move them. See the following prices.

Clothing!

Overcoats worth \$18.00 now going at \$9.88
" " 15.00 " " 8.62
" " 12.00 " " 7.38
" " 8.50 " " 4.98
" " 5.00 " " 2.87
Handsome line Boy Overcoats \$2.50 to 5.00
Men's Suits worth \$22.50 now at \$13.50
" " 15.00 " " 8.87
" " 12.00 " " 6.98
" " 8.50 " " 4.88
" " 5.00 " " 2.87
Boys' Suits from 69c. to 4.98

Ladies' Dress Goods

We have a large and handsome line and have decided to knife them also. Will save you 25% on anything you want.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

As pretty line as you ever saw in this town in Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks. Don't buy until you see ours.

COOK STOVES and HEATERS

The Best for the Money yet Seen.

ROCKING CHAIRS.

A Job Lot worth \$1.25 now at 50c.

Remember for 30 days we will offer Special Bargains to every customer for anything he may want. Come and be convinced.

EDWARDS & COMPANY,

Scotland Neck, - - - - - North Carolina.

Sale of Personal Property.

At the residence of the late W. F. Drayton, in Edgecombe county, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1903, all the personal property belonging to his estate, consisting of Horses and Mules (7), Corn, Fodder, Cotton Seed, Carts, Wagons, Farming Implements of all kinds, one Cotton Gin and various property.
L. L. DRAUGHON, Ex'r.
Dec. 1, 1903. 12-3-34

SPECIAL RATES

VIA

Seaboard Air Line Railway

Commencing Oct. 15th, 1903, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will place on sale round trip winter tourist tickets to all Winter Resorts in the South and Southwest. Tickets will be sold up to April 30th, 1904, with final return limit May 31st, 1904. For further information apply to local agent or address, Z. F. SMITH, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Minuta what you eat.

Notice!

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. S. Medlin, all persons are hereby notified to present claims against the estate to me or to my attorneys, R. H. & Kitchin, on or before December 15, 1904; otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

All persons owing the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This Nov. 2, 1903.

11-12-64

E. T. NORTON, Adm'r.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

has stood the test 25 years. Average annual sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent Package of GROVE'S BLACK ROOT LIVER PILLS.